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1. BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN DELAYED FOR TWO REASONS: (A) RELUCTANCE OF US DELEGATION TO PRESS OTHERS TO MEET WITH US BILATERALLY UNTIL WE HAD POSITION PAPER IN HAND, AND (B) LACK OF INTEREST ON PART OF OTHERS TO TAKE UP UP ON OFFER AS OF OCT 15 TO MEET WITH THEM TO DISCUSS US CONCEPTS PAPER. AVAILABILITY OF US POSITION PAPER THIS WEEK (EVEN WITH A BRACKETED LANGUAGE ON ONE POINT) PLUS RECEIPT OF FORMAL DUBMISSION BY OTHER KEY DELS HAS ENABLED US TO INITIATED CONSULTATION PROCESS. WE MET WITH CANADA (AMB GREY) TODAY (SEE BELOW) AND WILL MEET WITH EC, JAPAN, AND BRAZIL NOV 7.

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2. CANADA CONTINUES TO ATTACH MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO RECEIVING SOME ASSURANCE AT OUTSET OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT THAT US WILLING TO CONTEMPLATE AN END RESULT WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE UNILATERAL INTERPRETATION BY ONE COUNTRY THAT RIGHTS OR OBLIGATIONS OF ANOTHER HAVE BEEN BREACHED AND THEN APPLY A SANCTION UNILATERALLY. WE RESPONDED THAT EVERYONE'S INTERESTS BEST SERVED BY STARTING THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS RATHER THAN INSISTING AT OUTSET ON RATHER ABSTRACT CONDITIONS, WE CONFIRMED US WILLING TO NEGOTIATE EXACT DEFINITIONS OF VARIOUS CATEGORIES AND, ASSUMING SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS, WE ANTICIPATE A CODE WOULD INCLUDE A DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MECHANISM. GREY RETURNED TO SAME POINT SEVERAL TIMES (WITH RESPONSE BY US) INDICATING HIS DOUBTS ON THIS SCORE HAVE NOT BEEN REMOVED. MORE POSITIVE OUTCOME OF DISCUSSION WAS IMPLICATION GREY DOES NOT INTEND TO TAKE INITIATIVE TO TRY TO HARASS US ON PROTOCOL OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION (UNLESS PROVOKED) AND PRIVATELY ACKNOWLEDGED HE IS UNDER NO ILLUSION THAT US HAS ANY INTENTION OF RELINQUISHING COVER OF PPA UNLESS SUBSIDIES ARE BROUGHT UNDER SATISFACTORY DEGREE OF INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINE. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, GREY ACKNOWLEDGED WORDING OF POINT 8 IN GOC SUBMISSION PERHAPS WENT TOO FAR IN SUGGESTING RULES ON DOMESTIC SUBSIDIES SHOULD NOT REDUCE "FREEDOM OF ACTION" OF CPS FOR REGIONAL AIDS THOUGH GOC ANTICIPATES MAJOR DIFFICULTIES IN DEFINING SUCH AIDS (AND OFFSETTING ACTIONS). GREY SAID HE WOULD TRY TO FIND A WAY TO BE HELPFUL NEXT WEEK IF US-EC AGRICULTURAL IMPASSE STILL UNRESOLVED AND IF QUESTION OF PRODUCT COVERAGE THUS THREATENS TO ABORT NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE THEY START. WALKER

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